

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over JP 2001-15187 in view of JP 2000-195619 and JP 11-307187.

The Examiner objected to claims 2, 7-17, 19, 20 and 22-29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 21 were objected to because of several alleged informalities.

Summary of the Applicants' Response

Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 11, 13, and 21-23 are currently amended; Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Claims 3 and 12 are canceled.

Claims 16-20 and 24-29 are previously presented.

Claims 2, 8, 10, 14 and 15 are original.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate allowable dependent claim 12 along with intervening claim 3. Claims 2, 4-11, and 13-29, which depend from amended claim 1, are allowable at least for the reasons claim 12 is allowable.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 21-23 to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claims 5 and 13, which previously depended from canceled claims 3 and 12 respectively, to depend from amended claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. Applicants believe that no fees are due. In the event that any fees are due, please charge undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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